

## SOME EARLY DATES IN STATE'S HISTORY

The following dates in the early history of Missouri were compiled by Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the State Historical Society, in connection with the proposed celebration of the state centennial:

1816

Jan. 23—Creation of Howard county.  
Jan. 24—Opening of public wagon road from Potosi to Boon's Lick. Arrival in St. Louis of Rev. Gideon Blackburn, first Presbyterian missionary in Missouri territory.

Apr. 6—Arrival in St. Louis of Rev. Solomon Gliddings, second Presbyterian missionary to Missouri Territory.  
June 13—Opening of United States land office in St. Louis.

July 8—First circuit court of Howard county held in Hannah Cole's Fort, near Boonville.

Aug. 12—Organization of first Presbyterian church west of Mississippi river, near Potosi, Washington county.

October 6—Organization of Bonhomme Presbyterian church in St. Louis.

October 8—Organization in St. Louis of first permanent Masonic lodge west of the Mississippi River.

Fall—Town of Old Franklin laid off.  
Dec. 12—Bank of St. Louis, first bank in Missouri Territory, opened for business.

General 1816.

First settlement in Texas county.  
First settlement made in Audrain county, by Robert Littleby on "Littleby's Creek."

First private gift in Missouri for park purposes, by Col. Wm. Chambers, Maj. Wm. Christy, and Maj. Thos. Wright, of St. Louis.

Post road established from St. Charles, via St. Johns (Charette) to Fort Cooper.

First barber shop, in St. Louis, by John Keesacker.

First Baptist church north of the Missouri River erected by Mt. Pleasant congregation near Old Franklin.

1817

Jan. 8—First lottery chartered by Missouri Territorial Legislature for purpose of securing fire engines for St. Louis.

Jan. 30—Act authorizing erection of first public school in Cape Girardeau county at Jackson.

Jan. 30—Incorporation of board of trustees for first public school in St. Louis. (Note: these were the first two public schools in Missouri.)

Jan. 30—Incorporation of Potosi Academy in Washington county.

Jan. 31—Incorporation of Bank of Missouri, second bank established in Missouri Territory.

Spring—Settlement begun in Perche Creek Bottoms, Boone county.

Spring—First school in Saline county taught by Laban Garret in Jefferson township.

May 10—First church in Cooper county organized by Baptists south of Boonville (Concord church).

May 17—First issue of Western Emigrant appears in St. Louis. (Successor of Western Journal.) Started May, 1815.)

June 28—Bethel Baptist church organized, first church in Boone county.

Aug. 1—Boonville laid out.

Aug. 2—Arrival of "General Pike," first steamboat to ascend the Mississippi as far as St. Louis.

Aug. 27—Second duel between Thomas H. Benton and Charles Lucas.

Fall—First cabin built in Carroll county, by Martin Palmer a trapper.

October—First memorial to Congress petitioning for statehood in Missouri Territory.

Nov. 22—First Christian church in Missouri Territory at "Salt Creek," in Howard county.

Nov. 23—Organization of Presbyterian church in St. Louis, first protestant church in city.

Dec. 1—Arrival in St. Louis of Rev. John M. Peck and Rev. James E. Welch, first Baptist missionaries to Missouri Territory.

Dec. 18—First meeting of Missouri Presbytery in St. Louis.

Winter—First public sale of Pike county land in St. Louis.

General 1817.

Town of Charlton laid out by Dum Green.

First school in Pike county taught by Rev. Matthews.

First white men visit Shelby county.

First house built in Marion county north of Salt River.

Tobacco factory in St. Louis, (one at Franklin, 1821.)

Stephen R. Wiggins opens broker's office in St. Louis.

First Methodist service held in Boonville.

First school in Cooper county taught by Wm. Anderson, near Concord church.

St. Louis College built—first college in Missouri.

Organization of first Presbytery of Missouri.

County seat of Howard county moved from Cole's Fort to Old Franklin.

350 ATTEND MISSOURI WELFARE MEETING

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that 1,500 others are improperly in other state institutions, leaving 4,000 at large, one-half of which are probably taken care of in private homes.

Missouri is one of the states in the Union that makes meagre provisions for this class. It is also equally remiss in that few schools provide for special classes for feeble-minded and backward children but who are not feeble-minded."

Doctor Wallin then outlined the measures recommended by the Children's Code Committee. They are, in brief: laws providing for the permanent detention in institutions of all dependent feeble-minded persons in the State; for the commitment of only feeble-minded to these institutions; certification of feeble-mindedness to be only issued by specialists on feeble-mindedness; the establishment of a State bureau for mental defectives; the enlargement of the State's institutional facilities so as to provide for 1,600 feeble-minded persons; the using of the efficiency method of appointing the superintendents of the institutions; the permanent detention of feeble-minded prostitutes in detached cottages; the establishment of special classes in the school for the feeble-minded children and the appropriation of \$5,000 by the State for taking a census of the feeble-minded.

Should Apply Scientific Methods.

"The present age is requiring efficiency in the management of charitable institutions as well as in the business world," said Mrs. R. B. Brown superintendent of the Christian Orphans' Home of St. Louis, at the meeting this morning.

It is the opinion of Mrs. Brown that the critical scientific method should be applied in gauging the efficiency of children's charitable institutions. A standard should be set and no means

should be neglected in reaching this standard, is her opinion.

Sets Forth Material Needs.

In commenting on the material equipment of charitable institutions for children, Mrs. Brown mentioned these salient needs: First, at least 350 cubic feet of space should be allotted to each child for dormitory; second, proper bathing facilities should be installed; third, all children should have individual brushes, combs, towels, and the like; fourth, the dining room should be attractive, there should be tables to seat six or eight, diet should be well balanced and no uniformity of style should be adopted.

According to Mrs. Brown the child living in the orphan's home should be governed with a personal touch. Birthdays should be observed, as this strengthens the personal touch between the child and the management. In one institution, said Mrs. Brown, the child looks forward to the celebration of his birthday just as the child in the home of any well-regulated family.

Co-operation of Churches Needed.

Mrs. Brown mentioned Sunday school classes in St. Louis which each month acted as hosts at birthday parties given for children who are members of the orphan's home. She said vacations spent in family homes are helpful to the development of the child. Mrs. Brown believes that what is being done in St. Louis can be done in other parts of the country through the co-operation of the churches. The best homes are always open to the children, and many times the winning personality of the child secures for it a permanent home.

What is being done for the girls is being done for the boys through the Boy Scout movement. On Saturday afternoons they take hikes. They have great fun in cooking their meals out in the woods once a week.

"Nothing is more important in the institutional life of a child than the moral development of the people employed in the institution," Mrs. Brown said. "If the employees are in sympathy with the methods of the institution, a great deal more can be accomplished. Every family that is considering the adopting of a child should be carefully investigated before approval."

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## SOCIETY NOTES

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Dr. and Mrs. George Lefevre, Dean and Mrs. Eldon R. James, Miss Helen Ross, Miss Katherine Mize, Miss Dorothy Kitchen of Kansas City and C. Wilson Smith were dinner guests at the Beta Theta Pi house yesterday.

Miss Katherine Jones will arrive Wednesday night from Louisiana to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones.

Mrs. J. C. Whitten will give a tea from 3:30 to 6 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in honor of Mrs. Walter Taliferro and Mrs. John Sehon.

The Alpha Xi chapter of Sigma Chi will give the Xi Xi chapter a banquet Thursday night in Lawrence.

Fraternal Orders Will Give Dance. A number of local fraternal orders

will combine to give a dance at Columbia Hall on Thursday, December 14. Music will be furnished by the Quadrangle Orchestra of the University. Tickets will sell for fifty cents and will go on sale soon at the Co-Op and Missouri Store. The proceeds above the expenses of the dance will go to charity. In the future the dance will be made an annual affair.

## J. R. VAN DYNE DIES IN ST. LOUIS

Father of Former Tiger Tackle Succumbs to Enlargement of Heart.

J. R. Van Dyne, father of Clifford D. Van Dyne, former Tiger tackle, died yesterday afternoon in a St. Louis hospital. Mr. Van Dyne had been in the hospital for some time and had suffered unconscious spells for the past two weeks. His death was due, it is supposed, to enlargement of the heart. The body is being sent today to his home in Sedalia. The funeral will probably be held Wednesday.

Clifford Van Dyne left school in the middle of the football season to be with his father in his illness. Besides Clifford, a wife and six children survive Mr. Van Dyne.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will serve oysters from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m., Tuesday, November 28, in the Elvira Building. Price 25c.

## LECTURER DISCUSSES THE WAR

Prof. J. E. Wrench Makes 15-Minute Talk to Shoe Factory Employees.

Though the men at the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company were getting paid for piece work, they remained over-time to listen to the 15-minute lecture by Prof. J. E. Wrench on "Causes of the War," given at the shoe factory Saturday noon.

Professor Wrench explained the fundamental principles underlying the war and showed that it was "a war of people, not of rulers." The fifteen minutes which he had to talk were not ample to go into details of the war, but it enabled him to show the position of the Kaiser and to explain the interest of America in the war. The superintendent of the factory asked Mr. Wrench to speak to the men again soon.

## Small Grass Fire Does No Damage.

The fire department was called at 9 o'clock this morning to put out a grass fire at the home of L. E. Remie, 300 North Ninth street. Burning paper set fire to grass in the garden. No damage was done.

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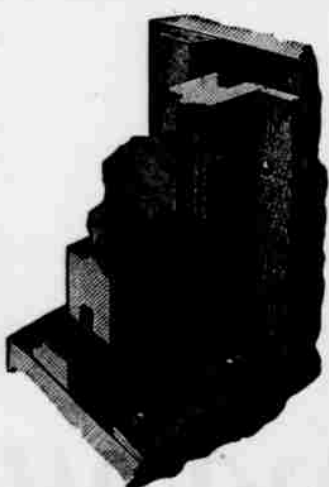
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